



Enfield Station School Newsletter

March 1, 2013

PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

Welcome to March and hopefully spring will be following soon. As we have days that are a little warmer please still have your children dress for outdoor recess. Make sure they have snow pants, a coat, mittens, and a hat, because with the melting snow they are sure to get wet when they are out playing.

We have some big changes coming to the front office. Ms. York has taken a new position and will be leaving us. We are very excited for her and wish her all the best in her new career. This being said, I am asking that you please bear with us as we make this transition. It will take us a little longer to do dismissals, as we will need you to stop in to give us your students' names.

At the end of March we will be holding another Title 1 night for families. I am hoping to see you all on the 28th for a night of good food and fun. This time our book fair will also be in full swing and it will be a good time for you to see which books are capturing your student's attention and to share which ones look interesting to you.

~ Mrs. Weiss

DEAR PARENTS OF FOURTH GRADE STUDENTS

In science class, we will soon be designing a boat that can hold pennies. We will work on this individual project at school, as well as test it at school. The students will be using the scientific process, researching, reading, and writing about how boats float and move through water, and using some math as we measure and calculate area and mass. The students will be scored on the process, conclusions, and math work, not on the success of the boat. Students will also have to meet certain requirements while building their boats, such as only using 2 of the specified materials and being under a certain size. This activity is very fun and educational; however, the materials can become very expensive to purchase for every student. Therefore, we are asking for some donations of the following items:

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| String | Cardboard (old cereal boxes work well) |
| Popsicle sticks | Aluminum foil |
| Clay | Straws |

If you can send in some of these items over the next week or two, we would be so grateful. We look forward to working with your children on this "Float the Boat" Project.

Thank You,
The Fourth Grade Teachers
Mrs. Reinzo, Mrs. Jipson, and Mrs. Thibodeau

NEWS FROM MRS. CROSBY

Second grade reading groups with Mrs. Crosby had a great week of learning about contractions recently. We practiced fluency with a fun book called "When Dinosaurs Go Visiting", which was full of contractions. We spent the whole week doing activities involving contractions, including a "Contraction Match-Up" game, which they really enjoyed! Hopefully the students will remember how to use them in their writing and reading! The third grade group just finished a great non-fiction book on Penguins and enjoyed sharing all they knew, all they wanted to find out, and all they learned using the KWL chart! We're moving on to a book on Frogs and they're already excited to share what they know! Fourth graders will be focusing on fluency over the next couple of weeks, and fifth grade is working on targeted skills collected from NWEA data. Each of the groups have been practicing reading phrases to help increase their reading fluency. They receive constant reminders to pick fun children's books, and practice, practice, practice! It's been an exciting winter!

SOUP LABELS AND BOX TOPS

As always, we are taking your Campbell's Soup Labels and Box Tops. Please send them to school with your child and they can drop them in the office.



FIFTH GRADERS had a blast making goo in science class this week. This was the ending to our unit on the law of the conservation of mass. Check out the pictures on Mrs. Gilman's website.

MUSIC NOTES

Recital Night is this Monday, March 4th at 6pm in the cafeteria. This is an opportunity for band or chorus members to perform in small groups. Performers should arrive at 5:30 to warm up.

Peter Pan rehearsals start this Monday, March 4th from 2:20 to 4:00. Please be prompt in picking up your child. Rehearsal will be every Monday at this time right up through the week of the play.

Peter Pan performance is Friday, April 5 at 6 PM.

ART NEWS

COME CELEBRATE THE ARTS!!!!!!

On Saturday, March 9, 2013, from 3:00-6:00 p.m. there will be a festival to celebrate the arts! The multi-purpose room will be converted into the Hichborn Art Gallery showcasing the work of alumni and community member of merit. Refreshments will be available. In the cafeteria there will be a culinary competition, the high school hallways will display student artwork, and the gymnasium will hold artisans demonstrating their craft. The evening will conclude with a alumni/community variety show (7:00-8:00 p.m.) The admission fee is \$ 5.00 for adults, students and seniors will be \$3.00. Proceeds will be used to purchase new curtains and lights for the stage.

THE SECOND GRADE went to Maine Dogsledding Adventures in Millinocket this week to kick off their unit on the Iditarod. They learned all about how to care for the dogs, harness the dogs up, as well as how to make the sled go, stop, and turn. They were able to see an actual dog sled in action. It was a great experience that has them very excited for the Iditarod, which starts on March 2nd.

We will be having a Scholastic Book Fair here at school the last week of March. There will be a Special Family Night March 28th for parents and children to come purchase books together.



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Recital Night @ 6pm				
11	12 5 th grade snowshoeing	13	14	15 In-Service day – NO SCHOOL
18	19 Spring Portrait Day	20	21	22
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